Yes, Sir. It has been proposed to set up Small Industry Modernisation Fund for Modernisation and Upgradation of Small Scale Sector. The details are being worked out in consultation with SIDBI.

(b) The special RBI Committee appointed to go into the working capital and rehabilitation requirements of the small scale sector is expected to submit its report by the end of July, 1992.

Indo-Japan seminar on small and medium

201. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar on collaboration between small and meduim industries in India and Japan is scheduled to be held in the near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the list of participants from both the iountries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) Government have no inforfation on official level. However, according to Indian Embassy in Tokyo, a private Nagoya based organisation called in International Department Exchange and Research Centre (IDEARC) is planning a series of seminars in India which would cover all facts including Science and Technology, History, Culture, Education etc. in a few Japanese cities in November. In th explanation on this seminar, the IDEARC had soggested a Japan Marketing Seminar whose objective woold be practical business methodology to assist Small and Medium Indian Enterprise to break into the Japanese market. The initial idea was to held this seminar in New Delhi while the ohter major seminars were to be held in Japanese cities like Yokohama, Nagoya and Osaka. Our Embassy in Tokyo is not aware of any other details on a seminar on Small and Medium industries.

Increase in the price of newsprints

202. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Newsprint Limited, Mysore Paper Mills Limited and Nepa Limited have arbitrarily increased the price of newsprint;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this increase would make the newspaper establishment economically unviable; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) The price of newsprint has been price of newsprint has been increased to some extent since May, 1992 by the 3 Newsprint Mills in question as per details given below:

Name of Mill	Increase in Price (Per MT)
1. Hindustan Newsprint Limited	Rs. 1,000/-
2. Mysore Paper Mills Limited	Rs. 1,035/
3. Nepa Limited	Rs. 1,100/-

This increase was necessitated due to sharp increase in input costs. There is no statutory control over the price of indigenous newsprint. The import of newsprint has also been decanalised w.e.f. 1-4-92. The newsprint industry can import one kg. of standard newsprint for every 2 kgs. of indigenously produced newsprint purchased by them.

Sick Industries in Marathwada industrial estates

203. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sick industries in the Marathwada industrial estates and what are the reasons indentified for their sickness;

(b) whether, there is a general complaint by the entrepreneurs about the rampant corruption in the MSEB, MIDC, District Industries Centre etc. hampering the pace of industrialisation in Marathwada; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in the direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) According to Reserve Bank of India, 15 industrial units in the non-small scale sector were sick as at the end of September, 1990 in the Marathwada region of the State of Maharashtra. Similar information in respect of sick industrial units in the small scale sector is not maintained centrally.

The main reasons for sickness in Marathwada as reported by banks related to managerial, financial and labour problems, non-availability of raw material, defective planning and technical viability and fall in domestic and export demands.

(b) and (c) According to available information, no such general complaint has been lodged by entrepreneurs with the Ministry of Industry against Maharashtra State Electricity Board, Maharashtra State Industrial Development Corporation or District Industries Centres.

महाराष्ट्र में सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों में किया गया निवेश

204. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मार्च, 1992 तक महाराष्ट्र में सरकारी क्षेत्र के प्रत्येक उपक्रम में कुल कितना निवेश किया गया ;

(ख) इन उपक्रमों में प्रति वर्ष कितना लाभ/घाटा हुआ और इन में कितने कर्मचारी कार्य कर रहे हैं; और

(ग) महाराष्ट्र की उन परियोजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है जिन में केन्द्रीय सरकार का निवेश करने का प्रस्ताव है और इन परियोजनाओं के कब तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (भारी उद्योग विभाग और लोक उद्यम विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० के० थुंगन): (क) और (ख) केन्द्रीय सरकारी क्षेत्र के ऐसे 28 उद्यम हैं जिनके पंजीकृत कार्यालय महाराष्ट्र में स्थित हैं। 31-3-1991 तक केन्द्रीय सरकारी क्षेत्र के प्रत्येक उद्यम में किया गया पूंजीनिवेश तथा कर्मचारियों की संख्या तथा वर्ष 1990-91 के दौरान हुए शुद्ध लाभ/हानि का ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है [नीचे देखिए]

(ग) केन्द्रीय परियोजनाओं में पूंजी-निवेश, परियोजनाओं की तकनीकी-आर्थिक व्यवहार्यता तथा संतुलित क्षेत्रीय विकास की आवश्यकता को ध्यान में रखते हुए किया जाता है ।